

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Julian Francis
Nunamaker of Bruceton.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the untimely death of Julian Francis Nunamaker of Bruceton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nunamaker, who served with distinction as an assistant football coach and teacher at Camden Central High School, ended his life in the same manner he had always lived - helping others; and

WHEREAS, his loving family selflessly donated his organs for transplantation, after it became apparent that Mr. Nunamaker would not recover from a car accident that occurred on February 18, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Julian Nunamaker was a star football player at the University of Tennessee at Martin where he was a 6-foot, 3-inch, 168-pound walk-on from Manning, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, through hard work, dedication and perseverance, he transformed himself into a 230-pound defensive tackle who was named first-team Kodak Little All-America; and

WHEREAS, he started in four post-season all-star games after his senior year; he was also the third-round draft choice of the Buffalo Bills in 1969, and he played with the Bills for three seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nunamaker had served with acumen and alacrity as head football coach at McNairy Central High School and Bruceton Hollow-Rock Central High School; and

WHEREAS, described by his associates as a "people person, liked by everyone, who never met a stranger", and as "a great individual who had a big heart and loved people", Mr.

Nunamaker will be greatly missed by faculty, students and other members of the community who were fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Coach Nunamaker was a gentleman who truly loved young people, and he inspired his charges to attain their full potential; and

WHEREAS, donations are now being made toward the construction of a new fieldhouse at Camden High School on Mr. Nunamaker's behalf, and the University of Tennessee at Martin is initiating efforts to establish a scholarship in his august memory; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary, public-spirited citizen who realized that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Mr. Nunamaker had served his community astutely as a member of the Carroll County Commission, Chairman of the Carroll County Republican Party, Vice-Mayor of Bruceton, and as a member of the Bruceton Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Jennie McMillian Nunamaker; two fine daughters, Jenna Nunamaker, a freshman basketball player at Union University, and Lee Nunamaker, a former All-American basketball player at Union; his mother, Sarah Nunamaker of Manning, South Carolina; a brother, Jacob Nunamaker; and a sister, Hilda Davis of Tuscumbia, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should pause in our deliberations to memorialize the bountiful and purposeful life of Julian Francis Nunamaker, a fine man whose sterling legacy of public service and commitment will be long remembered and treasured by his fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Julian Francis Nunamaker, remembering fondly his exemplary career in education and his proficient public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our condolences to his family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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